# HARDING MESSAGE SATISFIES ALLIES

London 'Times' Says Emphasis on Reparations Is Greeted by All.

MUCH DEPENDS ON YAP

Asserts Main Argument of **Hughes Mandate Note Is** Indisputable.

'SPECTATOR' FOR CHANGE

'Statesman' Blames Americans, Thanking God They Were Not as Others.

London, April 15.—After refraining from commenting, the London Times, now observes that President Harding's rejection of the covenant of the League of Nations is about and complete. It says the portion of the message regarding an association to promote peace is "very vague, and no doubt intentionally vague." It adds that "the world must wait until the "Is" are dotted before a positive interpretation can be placed upon it."

The Times expressed the opinion that the declaration emphasizing the justice of and necessity for reparations in connection with war responsibility will be greeted with satisfaction by all the Allies. The newspaper regards as highly important President Harding's statement of the reason why he holds that no separate treatics with the Central Powers would solve the problem confronting the United States in common with the rest of the world.

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"It assuredly shows real appreciation of the Buropean position and the manner in which this position touches the interests of America," says the Times. "He refused, as most Englishmen always felt confident the American people would refuse, to believe that America after playing a part in the war can retire into a state of self-centred isolation. The basis of his policy is sure ground and moral duty."

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The weekly newspapers comment at length on President Harding's message, treating it according to their politics and attitude toward the League of Nations. The Spectator says that American methods in international relations always are a good deal more lawyer like than those of European diplomacy, and that if this is considered it will be seen the message partakes "much less in substance than in form of a wrecking proposal and may well prove, as we in fact believe it, will prove, the basis of great things."

The New Statesman says: "It is by no doing so. means impossible that if the Americans

had come in and asserted themselves in the league instead of standing apart and thanking God that they were not as other nations the league might be in a better position than it is to-day."

The Nation says that behind all the is-sues between England and the United States "lies Ireland," and "Ireland will inflame all other issues and kill coopera-tion between the two English speaking nations for the achievement of a better, world order. The uncompromising lan-guage of the Yap note, as of the former note on Mesopotamia, reflects this feeling."

Claiming that there is no sympathy for Great Britain in the United States, the Nation says: "Even before the Irish atrodities our moral stock was going down and it now is sunk to a danger-ously low level. Those who know the American people well will realize how rapidly passions sweep over them and imperil public relations."

### BAR IRISH COURTS TO CASES AGAINST BRITISH

Forbidden to Hear Complaints on Crown Forces.

Dustin, April 15.—Capt. King and Cadet Hincheliffe of the Auxiliaries were acquitted to-day by a court-martial on a charge of having murdered James Murphy. Murphy died as a result or injuries received after he had been examined and discharged from Dublin Castle on February 9 with another man named Kennedy.

It was officially announced to-day that Major Mackinnon, in command of a company of Auxiliaries, was murdered on the Trades golf course this afternoon. Judge Bodkin, presiding in Quarter Sessions in Ennis, County Clare, read a letter from the County Police Inspector saying he had been directed by the chief commanders of the Crown forces to prohibit courts hearing cases in which allegations had been made against Crown forces, either military or police.

### MURDER AND AMBUSH CONTINUE IN IRELAND

Week's Casualties to Crown Forces Number 26.

Dumin, April 15.—No change in the eneral situation in Ireland has been evenled during the last week, says the fificial weekly review issued to-day.

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Murders of policemen decreased to four last week as compared with eight the previous week but the military ensualities increased from four to six. The total casualities to the Crown forces numbered twenty-six.

During the week there were twenty-five ambushes, six attacks on police barracks, three assassinations and seven murders of civilians, attributed to the Sinn Feiners. There were seven attempted murders, thirty-five raids on the mails and sixty-six arreats for outrages and political offences. Sixty persons were interpred and 115 released, leaving 2,598 internet.

## FRANCE WILL NOT TOLERATE GERMAN DELAY, SAYS BRIAND

No Neutral Can Aid Germany and Remain a Neutral, Declares 'Temps' Adding That America Cannot Be Brought Into Affairs of Europe by Berlin.

The Cabinet, with President Millerand in the chair and Marahal Foch and Gen. Weigand present, to-day discussed the question of the eventual extension of the Reparations Commission before it is communicated to Germany, but it is for the allied Governments to inform the American Government in the matter and furnish it an opportunity for experiment would take no action until after consultation with France's allies. If the supreme council reassembles shortly, says the Temps, it can only work in the interests of all by confining the diberations among the Allies will exclude all separate conversations which Dr. Sinsons (the German Foreign Secretary) appears desirous of entering with

PARIS, April 15.—Premier Briand reiterated before the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Senate to-day his emphatic expression that France would not countenance any dilafory tactics on the part of Germany on May 1 concerning reparations.

"France has decided to obtain a rest solution with tangible guarantees," the Premier declared.

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# APPEAL TO HARDING BY POPE EXPECTED

Efforts to Secure Mediation on Reparations Said to Have

New York Herald Bureau. Berlin, April 15.

ame to THE NEW YORK HERALD COFFEspondent from an unofficial but trust-worthy source. One of the highest Government officials declined to com-ment on the matter, stating that if inter-vention by President Harding is sought, The Times ventures as a possible interpretation of the message that the United States intends to adhere to certain vital clauses of the treaty of Versailles, provided "rights and interesis" and confirmed, and also that the Allied room making a new offer by motives of reply to the note on mandates, particularly concerning Yap, will determine whether the United States will cooperate in the application of the treaty or act independently.

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Libre Belgique the allied foreign offices are of the belief that Germany will try to renew the conversations with the Allies on the subject of reparations. with Belgium acting as intermediary.

GERMAN BUDGET UP TO 134 BILLION MARKS Measure for 19,600,000,000

Credit Loan in Reichstag.

BERLIN, April 15.—Measures providing or a new credit loan of 19,600,000,000 tarks and an additional 100,009,000

Foreign Minister Simons conferred today with leaders of the German labor day with leaders of the German labor union concerning plans for rebuilding northern France, which are to be in-cluded in the new reparations proposals to come up for consideration by the For-eign Affairs Committee on Tuesday.

ment on the matter, stating that if intervention by President Harding is sought, premature discussion could only week the chances of success. He, however, said that Germany would not be deterred from making a new offer by motives of

"At the Glevres camp alone more than s,000,000 francs' worth of merchandlse was pilfered or lost through fictitious invoices presented for goods."

# COUNCIL OF ALLIES

Harding Regime Going In-

America First' Is Guiding Star in Deciding Every Foreign Relation.

Viviani Goes Understanding Policy That Rights Wilson Ignored Are Asserted.

mistakes are discarded. The trite but splendidly significant battle cry of the "America first," was not bandoned as a mere vote catcher. It as become the very cornerstone of ne foreign policies that the President and the Secretary of State are build-

The clearest possible intimation of this fact was given to the news writers o-day by men whose words are not marks and an additional 100,000,000 to-day by their wises were afforded were introduced in the Reichstag to-day increasing the budget for 1920 to 134, 100,000,000 marks. The deficit for the same period is \$6,800,000,000 marks. notion of the big, sweeping ambition of the new Administration was conreyed. "America first" is one way to

describe this purpose.

Another way would be to state that in all the problems of foreign relationship that may arise the President and Mr. Hughes will examine every one from the primary viewpoint of the safeguarding and improving of American interests the world over.

Keeping this in mind, there need be, as was frankly pointed out to-day, no special mystery about the general foreign purposes of the President and his right hand man. Their programme is more simple than many would make out, although it does embrace a multiple of perplexing difficult and even of the proposes of perplexing difficult and even of the proposes of perplexing difficult and even of the president and his right of perplexing difficult and even of the president and his right of perplexing difficult and even of the president and his right of perplexing difficult and even of the president and that Americans have as stand is as natural and ethical as the unflinching stand is as natural and eth

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# dangerous tasks. It is based on the Root conviction that the main duty of the Administration is to rescue as much as possible of the American seconomic interests. In plain words, the Administration will not stand opportunities that were thrown away by the Wilson Administration and neglect no method or means of enhancing American prestige, of protecting such trade opportunities as since of enhancing American prestige, of protecting such trade opportunities as since of enhancing american prestige, of protecting such trade opportunities as since of enhancing american prestige, of protecting such trade opportunities as since of enhancing american prestige, of protecting such trade opportunities as since of enhancing american prestige, of protecting such trade opportunities as since of enhancing american prestige, of protecting such trade opportunities as since of enhancing american prestige, of protecting such trade opportunities as since of enhancing american prestige, of protecting such trade opportunities as since of enhancing american economic interests. In plain words, the Administration will not stand for the Allies or any one of the stand for the Allies or any one of

reads of traile.

The discomfited propagandists for the League of Nations are already referring to the President and Mr. Hughes as "aposites of gross materialism." a revival in new form of the "dollar diplomacy" gibe flung at Mr. Knox when he was Secretary of State. Sneers and sarcasms are in circulation about "the shameful abandonment of ideals" and so on, but such criticisms, it can and so on, but such criticisms. nd so on, but such criticisms, it can the so on, but such criticisms, it can be authoritatively stated, will not move the President and the Secretary of State from proceeding with policies which "touch the comfort and happiness of every man, woman and child in the United States," as a very noted man took occasion to phrase it to-day. Their conviction is that ideals cannot

Their conviction is that ideals cannot get very far without a large degree of material prosperity. They are proceeding in the theory that a large degree of material prosperity is unattainable unless the Allies and the rest of the world recognize and abide by all American rights. And with this goes their belief that no real world comity, no smoothly functioning world association is possible unit and proceeding the control of the control o

from the allied councils out of resentment against the treatment of the League of Nations covenant here at home. The obvious purpose is to correct those mistakes; to get back into the game before it is too late.

It is, it cannot be too emphatically reftered, distinctly an American policy. It is plainly intimated that American interests are to be considered first. The Administration has let the Allies know that its sympathies are with them and that it will go along with them in every possible matter. It has informed Germany that America believes she was responsible for the war and that she tion is possible until such recognition to obtained and all hands agree to such fair dealing as will let the human procession move onward again, to use the President's own phrase. New York Herald Bureau. Maskington, D. C., April 15. With the calling of Mr. Harding to the Presidency and the summoning of Mr. Hughes to the conduct of foreign relations international sentimentalism relations international sentimentalism where the scrap pile where national sentimentalism and the first few weeks of the scrap pile where national sentimentalism to the scrap pile where national sentiments of American first. The Administration has let the Allies know that its sympathies are to be considered first. The Administration has let the Allies know that its sympathies are to be considered first. The Administration has let the Allies know that its sympathies are to be considered first. The Administration has let the Allies know that its sympathies are to be considered first. The Administration as complete a reversal of the attribute of the attribute of the stream interests are to be considered first. The Administration has the summarization as complete a reversal of the attribute of the attribute sentiments.

Harding regime.

There is ample authority for the statement that this Government knows what it wants and is going after every desirable thing that can be had in justice. While these wants are not matters of While these wants are not matters of the American Government is to look after the interests of America before it it wants and is going after every de-strable thing that can be had in justice. While these wants are not matters of ureage, of territory or even of favored position, they are equally important, for they favored the liberty that must accorded by the Allies and the rest

expand its trade.

The Harding Administration, it can be asserted positively, will not stand idly by in passive toleration of the closing of whole great regions to American trade or of the segregation of any one of the Allies to take an antagonistic stand. The Administration is the contraction of the Allies to take an antagonistic stand. The Administration is the contraction of the segregation of any one of the Allies to take an antagonistic stand. an trade or of the segregation of any crritorial prize of the war to the benefit

As a corollary proposal, it was made plain to-day, the United States has a solid right to object to such alloiments with an understanding that Mr. Solid right to object to such alloiments asking and Mr. Hughes are merely asking from the Allies what is rightfully due to the United States.

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will be based as problems arise from time to time. The Administration notice to time. The Administration notice that Mr. Wilson at Paris could not abandon rights, that were not his to abandon, and that the rights of the United States are just as clear and assertable as they were the day the armistice was signed November II, 1918.

This policy is expected to produce, and very soon, a very important development. This, it is expected, will be American participation in the councils of the Allies and almost certainly the presence of an American representative in the council of chiefs and in reparations.

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